

Harding's old friends being asked to dine with them. There were two or three guests at luncheon at the White House, among them Senator James E. Watson, who has lunched with the President on his birthday no less than eight times.

THEN there was another dinner later in the week at the home of the Speaker and Mrs. Gillett at which the President and Mrs. Harding were the bright particular stars. It was small—twelve in the company—but smart as Mrs. Gillett's parties always are.

The Hardings are becoming almost as persistent playgoers as were the former President and Mrs. Wilson. Within the space of a week they visited Keith's, went to see Mrs. Fiske in "Wake Up Jonathan"—by the way, Harding, Wilson and Taft were all at the National that week—and took in Sir Harry Lauder's show. There's one marked difference, however, between the Hardings and the Wilsons at the play. In the former Administration, when told that the President and his wife had gone to the theater, it was not necessary to ask who their guests might be. "Mrs. Bolling, Miss Bertha Bolling and John Randolph Bolling," and occasionally Mrs. Alexander Hunter Galt—why, one could write them down without stopping to think. The President and Mrs. Harding, on the other hand, keep you guessing.

Sometimes they have a Senator or two with them, sometimes a Cabinet member, sometimes both, or occasionally some friend from out of town. When they went to see Sir Harry Lauder, they were accompanied by the Secretary of State and Mrs. Hughes and the Secretary of Agriculture and Mrs. Wallace. The British Ambassador and Lady Geddes also went to Polt's to do honor to the famous British humorist who, like the ambassador, is a baw Scot. Moreover, they entertained Sir Harry and Lady Lauder at luncheon at the embassy, and the President took him on—kitts and all—at golf.

MRS. HARDING, to go back a bit, seems to be taking a leaf from Mrs. Wilson's book in the matter of attending concerts. She has scarcely missed one so far and she always has guests with her. On Monday, for instance, she had in her box Mme. Jusserand, Mrs. Weeks, Mrs. Borah, Mrs. Marshall Field and Miss Laura Harlan. On Friday, for the Leginska-Kindler concert, she entertained Mme. Riano, Mrs. Denby, Mrs. John Jacob Rogers, Mrs. Henry P. Fletcher, and Miss Harlan—just such groups of women as Mrs. Wilson used to gather about her on such occasions.

To be accurate, the box party on Monday was not for a concert but for grand opera—the Scotti Opera Company's production of lovely, luring "La Boheme." It brought out a large and most enthusiastic audience, whetting their taste for more. So let's give thanks that the Gallo Grand Opera Company is coming and the Washington Opera Company is planning a gala week in January, with a thrillingly surprising up its sleeve, and we've something to look forward to in this line.

PARTIES for two brides, Mrs. Delos Blodgett's popular daughter, Miss Mona Blodgett, and Miss Margaret Aspinwall, helped round out the week and another outstanding event was Maj. and Mrs. George Oakley Totten's tea on Thursday afternoon. This was both a belated wedding reception—they were married in August when most people were out of town—and a housewarming for the lovely Japanese tea-room, which has been installed in the new wing of their house in Sixteenth street, with a studio for Mrs. Totten (Vicklen von Post) above.

All red lacquer and gilded carvings and gorgeously painted panels, the tea-room, which came from the famous Yerkes collection, is a gem and one's tea took on new flavor in such Oriental surroundings.

Miss Blodgett, to return to our brides, is to be married tomorrow at noon to Capt. David St. Pierre Gaillard, the ceremony taking place in picturesque St. John's Church. And on Tuesday Miss Aspinwall, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Aspinwall, will become the bride of Lieut. Clarence Vischer Allan.

THEN, too, Mrs. Coolidge was, as usual, the bright particular star of a number of festivities. The Vice President was away part of the week, having gone out to Kansas City for the American Legion's convention. But Mrs. Coolidge presided on Tuesday at the meeting of the Ladies of the Senate—rather a stormy meeting devoted to the discussion of the calling code and possible plans for lightening the burden of official visiting, which resulted in the tabling of the measure for the present. And on Thursday at the head of almost the entire battalion of Senatorial women, she went to Baltimore for the luncheon which Mrs. Joseph Irwin France, wife of the Senator from Maryland, gave in her honor. There was a special car to take them over and about seventy-five ladies seated themselves about the small tables which filled the dining room of Mrs. France's big house in Baltimore and overflowed into the drawing rooms.

Last evening Mrs. Coolidge attended another original party, being the guest of Mrs. Henry W. Keyes, who entertained the Women's National Press Club, of which she is a member, at supper. It was a "coming out party" for "The Career of David Noble." Mrs. Keyes' new book, which is just off the presses,

LORD LEE of Fareham and Lady Lee (above) were snapped as they landed in New York. Lord Lee is one of the British delegates to the conference. Mme. Koo (below), wife of the Chinese Minister to Great Britain, and her husband crossed on the same boat. Dr. Koo has been given ambassadorial rank for the period of the conference.



Washington Woman Winning Fresh Laurels on Stage

FRIENDS of Mrs. Albert G. Winterhalter, widow of Rear Admiral Winterhalter, are greatly disturbed because the engagement of "The Bat," which was to have played at the Shubert-Garrick the last two weeks of this month, has been canceled. You see, it was the Philadelphia company that was scheduled to come to Washington, and the bright particular star of the Philadelphia company is Mrs. Winterhalter herself!

Under the name of Helen d'Auvray, Mrs. Winterhalter was a well-known actress before her marriage. She was an artist, had played leading roles for some years with great success, and had been the head of her own company. But that was over twenty years ago. After she became Mrs. Winterhalter she cut herself off from her profession entirely, declaring that being the admiral's wife was profession enough for her.

So it really has been a remarkable achievement for her to pick up the threads after so long a time, to step from her own fireside into the most important role of a record-breaking success and to have the critics unite in singing her praises! When I last inquired about "The Bat" in Philadelphia, which had been running for six or eight weeks it was expected to break the Philadelphia record of twelve—or is it fourteen—weeks? And I rather imagine that it is because the S. R. O. sign is still out that the Washington engagement has been canceled.

I DO hope it is only postponed, for Mrs. Winterhalter's old friends—and they are legion—are all looking forward to seeing her. She does not expect to go on the road—it's too hard work—but wrote to one of her friends here that she thought she would stay with the company until after it had played Baltimore and Washington, for the pleasure of having her friends in the audience.

Mrs. Winterhalter, who is playing under her old stage name, has the role of the elderly spinster about whom the whole plot of "The Bat" revolves. It's a "fat" part, and the critics have uniformly praised the way she plays it, most of them waxing enthusiastically complimentary. And the work has been a life-saver to a woman who was at a loss to know how to pick up the pieces of her life after her husband's death. They had been singularly close to each other, Admiral and Mrs. Winterhalter, and everyone spoke of how beautiful their life together had been. They had no children, and consequently she was very lonely, but now she's too busy and too tired at the end of the day for loneliness.

Concert for Benefit Of Beileau Memorial

AMONG the box holders for the concert to be given at the Willard on November 5 for the benefit of the Beileau Wood Memorial are Mrs. Robert Woods Bliss, Judge John Barton Payne, Mrs. James Carroll Frazer, Mrs. Theodore V. Boynton, and Mrs. James S. Parker.

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The senior Mrs. Cornelius Vanderbilt, grandmother of Cornelius Jr., has also taken an apartment in Washington to be near her younger daughter, the Countess Laszlo Szechenyi, whose husband is believed to be the minister-elect from Hungary.

The Countess Szechenyi, as Miss Gladys Vanderbilt, spent a season or two in Washington as a child when her parents occupied the house on Vermont avenue and K street, since taken over for business purposes.

She is now established with her children at 2929 Massachusetts avenue, where Count Szechenyi will join them on his arrival from Hungary. The Countess Szechenyi is a sister of the late Alfred Vanderbilt, as well as of General Cornelius Vanderbilt and also of Mrs. Harry Payne Whitney. All of them will be identified with Washington in the event of Count Szechenyi's appointment to the diplomatic service.

Mrs. George Vanderbilt and her young daughter, Miss Cornelia Vanderbilt, who have been making a short stay en route from their North Carolina estate, are expected at their K street residence for a large part of the winter.

Still other members of the family more or less identified with Washington are the sons of Mrs. Raymond T. Baker by her former marriage to the late Alfred Vanderbilt. Those sons, Alfred and George, are first cousins to the daughters of Count and Countess Szechenyi, as well as to Cornelius Vanderbilt, Jr.

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THE great overture of the Brazilian opera, "Il Guarani," is the piece de resistance of the program which the Rialto Orchestra is to present this week under the direction of the visiting conductor, Giuseppe Creatore. Lieutenant Santelman, leader of the Marine Band, is authority for the statement that the magnificent overture is a great favorite with his audiences. But I wonder how many of them know what it is or are familiar with its history.

The libretto of the opera is taken from the romance, "Guarani," of Jose Alencar, recognized as Brazil's greatest writer, whose son, Augusto Cochrane de Alencar, is now Brazilian ambassador at Washington. The fact that a monument to him has been set up in one of the most important squares in Rio de Janeiro, the Plaza Alencar, gives evidence of the veneration in which the writer is held by his countrymen.

THE opera is by Carlos Gomes, best known of Brazilian composers. It had its debut in 1887 in the famous La Scala Opera at Milan; since then has been given in various quarters of the world with great success, and every year there is a gala performance at Rio. It is a romance of the Indians of Brazil, the "Guarani," and his critics have compared it favorably to Verdi's "Aida."

Creatore's band is known all over the country, and he also conducts an excellent orchestra in Pittsburgh. The Rialto is to be congratulated on securing him, and Washington is to be congratulated on having a picture house which is making no mean contribution to the musical life of the city by importing first-rate musicians as guest conductors.

Girl Scouts to Run Pierce Mill Tea House

PIERCE MILL, the popular little tea house on the brink of Rock Creek, which has been taken over by the Girl Scouts, will have its formal opening on Wednesday afternoon, November 16. It is expected that Mrs. Harding and Mrs. Coolidge will be present and a notable company of guests has been invited.

The picturesque little stone building is now being "done over," but after November 15 it will again be open to the public, the Girl Scouts, all girls in their teens, acting as hostesses. Luncheon, tea and dinner will be served. All summer the Scouts have done a thriving business at their wee tea house on Haines Point, Potomac Park, and it is hoped that the new venture will be equally successful.

At the formal opening the members of the Girl Scout council will receive. Among them are: Mrs. Herbert Hoover, Mrs. Charles R. Lindsey, Mrs. Frederic Brooke, Mrs. Walter Tuckerman, Mrs. William M. Scudder, Mrs. Joe Bradley, Mrs. Clarence O. Sherrill, Mrs. C. D. Langhorne, Mrs. Joseph Hampton, Mrs. Frederic Atherton, Miss Josephine Patton, Miss Gladys Hinckley and Miss Muriel Denys.

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WHO'S who at the armaments conference? Balfour and Lloyd George, Briand, Hughes, Lodge, Root, Underwood, and other of their ilk are widely known. But the town is filling up with men of less official weight who are equally important from the point of view of "human interest."

There's Robert Woods Bliss, for instance, who may be described as the official "greeter" for the United States. As third Assistant Secretary of State, it devolves upon him to welcome the foreigners as they arrive. He has also to work out the program of official entertaining—no small undertaking in view of the problems of etiquette and precedence which vex a capital where social usage has not been standardized as it has abroad.

However, Mr. Bliss has had experience in the capitals of Europe, which will be of invaluable assistance, and he has a charming wife to aid and abet him. They are wealthy and cultivated and at their home one meets everybody worth knowing in Washington.

A Missourian and a Harvard man, he has been in the diplomatic service since 1901, starting in Porto Rico and serving in Europe and South America. During the war he was at our embassy in Paris and made a remarkable record. Mrs. Bliss is going in wholeheartedly to relief work and displaying great capacity as well as great devotion. Mr. Bliss is on friendly terms with M. Briand, and it is suggested that he would be an ideally unobtrusive cicerone for the French premier, whose one idea of recreation is to slip away for a solitary fishing trip.

HENRY P. FLETCHER, Under-Secretary of State, who is relieving Secretary Hughes of the details of organization of the conference, is also a diplomat by profession and not by politics. He was once our Ambassador to Mexico and has had other varied experience. He hails from Pennsylvania and is married to Miss Beatrice Bend, of New York, one of Mrs. Willard Straight's closest friends. The Fletchers, by the way, are now occupying a country place on the Rockville road, which belongs to Mrs. Straight.

Mr. Fletcher's chief aid is Basil Miles, who has charge of the physical arrangements. He's also one of the "career men" of the diplomatic corps and the most interesting phase of his varied service was in Russia while the revolution was brewing.

Then there's Irwin Laughlin, formerly of Pittsburgh, who has been summoned here for special service with the conference. Since his earliest assignment to Tokyo in 1904 he has been successively secretary at Bangkok, Pekin, Petrograd, Athens, Cettinje, Paris, Berlin and London. He is married to Miss Therese Iselin, has a large fortune and has just completed a splendid residence on Meridian Hill. It is in Crescent place, hard by Henry White's big house which is now let to Senator and Mrs. Peter Golet Gerry, and just above it is famous "embassy row." The Laughlins have already moved in, although the house is not yet in order.

IN the "Who's Who" of the Armaments Conference appears also the name of a popular naval officer, Capt. Hayne Ellis. He is to serve as the navy's liaison officer. His special duty will be to keep in touch with foreign navy men here and to see to their entertainment. For this he is exceptionally well cast, since he is a singularly likable chap.

Two or three years ago the Ellises bought Woodley, built by the late Senator Francis G. Newlands and occupied by William Phillips for the greater part of the time that he was Assistant Secretary of State. It is one of the loveliest places on the outskirts of town, and it is safe to prophesy that Captain and Mrs. Ellis will do a good deal of entertaining there while the conference is on.

They are but recently "of return" from the West coast, Captain Ellis having been in command of the U. S. S. Salem, a post in which he was succeeded by Comdr. Percy W. Foote, who was aide to Secretary Daniels. During the war Captain Ellis was on duty in the Bureau of Navigation. Mrs. Ellis is a sister of Mrs. Loula Long Combs, of Kansas City, who is known all over the country as an exhibitor of fine horses and who always has entries at the Washington Horse Show.

IN the matter of the two Katos who are attending the conference there is confusion worse confounded. Both are Vice Admirals and both are members of families distinguished in the Japanese naval service, but they are not related. Vice Admiral Tomosaburo Kato, Japanese naval minister, is the chief official of the Japanese delegation and is one of the most influential men now in office at home. Vice Admiral K. Kato, the naval adviser, is president of the Japanese naval academy.

APPARENTLY the United States is under the impression that Gen. Jan C. Smuts, premier of South Africa, is to be among the British delegates to the conference. An enormous mail is accumulating for him at the British embassy, freighted with countless invitations to be the guest of organizations all over the country. Judging from attempts to extend him hospitality, the South African statesman is running Lloyd George a close second in the popularity stakes.

H. G. WELLS, the British novelist, is here as a representative of the British press. So is Colonel Repington, whose famous "Diary" caused almost as much of a furor in England as Mrs. Asquith's memoirs. And H. Wickham Steed, editor of the London Times, is coming. He maintained a famous salon during the Paris peace conference, which will undoubtedly be repeated here.

Mr. Wells has taken an apartment at the Arlington.

In the vanguard of the French press is Capt. Philippe Millet, representing a newspaper which claims the largest daily circulation in the world—an edition of 1,750,000. He is the foreign editor of the Petit Parisien. A typical man of the world, he speaks fluent English and is a famous international authority. Moreover, plays an excellent game of golf.

Stephen Laumann, editor of Le Matin and comrade of Rene Viviani, is also here, and another brilliant French journalist, "Pertinax" (M. Geraud), of L'Echo de Paris, is about to arrive.

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The president of the club, Mrs. Mabel G. Swormstedt, and the members of the board of directors will receive the guests. During the evening there will be a musical program, which is being arranged under the direction of Mrs. Gertrude Lyons.

THE club has grown amazingly in the two years of its existence and is making its influence felt in civic matters. Its activities are manifold.

Gatewoods Making Permanent Home Here

IT is good to have Dr. and Mrs. James Duncan Gatewood back in town. Yes, I know they have been here some time, but they have been busy getting their new house, 1714 Twenty-second street, in order, and Mrs. Gatewood is just beginning to find time for the renewing of old friendships.

Dr. Gatewood is now retired—he's a captain in the medical corps of the navy—and he and Mrs. Gatewood have returned here to make their home. Their last station was at Guilford, Miss., where the doctor had charge of the naval hospital, and last summer they had a cottage at Asheville, N. C., where they had

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A FEW years ago when Dr. Gatewood was stationed in Washington, the "Gatewood girls" were an exceedingly popular trio. The eldest, Hattie, is now Mrs. Henry E. Jenkins, wife of Commander Jenkins, of the navy medical corps, and they have a charming old house at Cape Hattian on the north coast, where the climate is fine and where the children thrive. Major and Mrs. Philip H. Torrey—she was Beaulieu Trencott—are, by the way, quite near neighbors, Major Torrey being stationed at Port au Prince.

The Earl Norths are now living in Mobile, Major North, who is in the engineer corps, being on river and harbor work there. And the Savages make their home in Norfolk. They are being congratulated on the birth of a son three weeks ago and will call him Toy Dixon Savage, Jr., for his father.

MR. AND MRS. MICHAEL J. Colbert will give a small tea on the afternoon of December 12 to introduce their daughter, Miss Helen Colbert, to society, entertaining at their residence, 1509 R street. They will also entertain at a dance at Rauscher's on Christmas Eve for their daughter, the company included her fellow-buds.

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